

## TATUUM APLIGONIS

THEATRE ROYAL.  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

SIGNORA LOUIZA MARCHETTI  
late PRIMA DONNA of Signor BERGAMASCHI'S  
ITALIAN OPERA TROUPE)  
will give  
A SECOND AND LAST GRAND  
CONCERT  
ON  
TUESDAY EVENING,  
the 3rd June, 1884.

Particulars will duly appear in the Pro-  
grammes.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls	£2.00
Unreserved Seats	\$100

Tickets can be obtained and seats booked at  
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, and at the Hall on  
the night of the Concert.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [1020]

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.  
THE Steamship  
"AMOI."  
Captain W. Potts, will be despatched for the  
above Ports TO-DAY, the 25th instant, at  
EVENING A.M.  
For Freight or Passage apply to  
J. STEINSSSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [1019]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI, AND FOCHOW.  
The Company's Steamship

**"NAMOA."**

Capt. Pitman, will be despatched for the above  
PORT, TO-DAY, the 28th Instant, at FIVE P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LE PRAEK & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 27th May, 1884. [1008]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.**  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates,  
for Cebu, Olongapo, Newcast, Zamboanga,  
Hankow, and Ports on the YANOTSEI.)  
THE Company's Steamship

**"FOOKSANG."**

Captain Hogg, will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 29th inst, at ELEVEN A.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 27th May, 1884. [1018]

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.**  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCAST, ZAMBOANGA,  
TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and PORTS  
on the KANGAROO.)  
THE Company's Steamship

**"ANCHISES,"**  
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above  
on or about the 31st instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**  
Hongkong, 27th May, 1884. [1017]

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**CHART WANTED.**

ANY GENTLEMAN having WEST RIVER  
CHARTS Sheets No. 1 and 2 will much  
oblige by communicating with  
"INQUIRER,"  
Care of Office of this Journal.  
Hongkong, 27th May, 1854. [1012]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ORIGINAL  
SCRIP CERTIFICATE No 63, dated  
31st December, 1849, for THREE OLD SHARES  
in the above Company standing in the name of  
NINIAN CRAWFORD has been lost, and should  
the same not be produced before the 10th June

MR. NIMIAN DRAWFORP for Twelve New Shares in accordance with the Special Resolution authorizing such shares to be issued in full cash, and no transaction taking place under the said Original Scrip Certificate No. 63, will be recognized by the Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Limited,  
Hongkong, 27th May, 1884. [1011]

WANTED A SITUATION, by a YOUNG MAN as CLERK or TELEGRAPH OPERATOR, having a thorough knowledge of colloquial Chinese and Malay, and good references.

Apply to  
J. G.  
Care of the "Daily Press",  
Hongkong, 8th May, 1884. [929]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned has REMOVED to the new site of his former place of business, Entrance from Messrs. Turner & Co's Linn.

WILLIAM DOLAN,  
Hongkong, 9th May, 1884. [928]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

STORE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. Boga da Silva & Co., No. 18, Queen's Road.

**F. FOURNIER & Co.,**  
Storekeepers and Wine Merchants.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1884. 1866

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.**

**A** N INTERESTING BONUS of 15 per cent on contributions for the year 1883, has this day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 10th proximo.

**J. JARDINE, NICHOLSON & Co.,**  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 29th April, 1884. 1856

**A** FIRM of high standing at Hamburg (Germany), wishes to open correspondence with a good house willing to trust them with the purchase of German and other European articles against a third commission. Confirmed customers, Credit and references. First object to act as Agents or Consignees. First references. Address, J. C. H., care of Messrs. Hensdy & Co. 37, Wilhelmstr., London. 1335

**EATING'S INSECT POWDER**

BUGS, FLEAS, MOTHS, BEETLES, and all other  
 insects, are Destroyed by KEATING'S INSECT  
 POWDER, which is quite harmless to Domestic  
 Animals. In exterminating Beetles, the success  
 this Powder is extraordinary, and no one need  
 be troubled by these pests. It is perfectly clean  
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 than a "KEATING'S POWDER," as imitations are  
 anxious, and full in giving satisfaction. Sold  
 all Chemists, in small Bottles. 1898



## INTIMATIONS.

**CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT**  
RIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881.  
SECOND DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulations contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 24th day of May, 1894, when the interest thereon will come to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. GEORGE ROBERT JOHNSON, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

## NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1000 BONDS NO. —									
7	15	24	33	42	51	60	69	78	87
96	105	114	123	132	141	150	159	168	177
186	195	204	213	222	231	240	249	258	267
276	285	294	303	312	321	330	339	348	357
366	375	384	393	402	411	420	429	438	447
456	465	474	483	492	501	510	519	528	537
546	555	564	573	582	591	600	609	618	627
636	645	654	663	672	681	690	699	708	717
726	735	744	753	762	771	780	789	798	807
816	825	834	843	852	861	870	879	888	897
906	915	924	933	942	951	960	969	978	987
996	1005	1014	1023	1032	1041	1050	1059	1068	1077
1086	1095	1104	1113	1122	1131	1140	1149	1158	1167
1176	1185	1194	1203	1212	1221	1230	1239	1248	1257
1266	1275	1284	1293	1302	1311	1320	1329	1338	1347
1356	1365	1374	1383	1392	1401	1410	1419	1428	1437
1446	1455	1464	1473	1482	1491	1500	1509	1518	1527
1536	1545	1554	1563	1572	1581	1590	1599	1608	1617
1626	1635	1644	1653	1662	1671	1680	1689	1698	1707
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1806	1815	1824	1833	1842	1851	1860	1869	1878	1887
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2076	2085	2094	2103	2112	2121	2130	2139	2148	2157
2166	2175	2184	2193	2202	2211	2220	2229	2238	2247
2256	2265	2274	2283	2292	2301	2310	2319	2328	2337
2346	2355	2364	2373	2382	2391	2400	2409	2418	2427
2436	2445	2454	2463	2472	2481	2490	2499	2508	2517
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2616	2625	2634	2643	2652	2661	2670	2679	2688	2697
2706	2715	2724	2733	2742	2751	2760	2769	2778	2787
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3156	3165	3174	3183	3192	3201	3210	3219	3228	3237
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4236	4245	4254	4263	4272	4281	4290	4299	4308	4317
4326	4335	4344	4353	4362	4371	4380	4389	4398	4407
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5136	5145	5154	5163	5172	5181	5190	5199	5208	5217
5226	5235	5244	5253	5262	5271	5280	5289	5298	5307
5316	5325	5334	5343	5352	5361	5370	5379	5388	5397
5406	5415	5424	5433	5442	5451	5460	5469	5478	5487
5496	5505	5514	5523	5532	5541	5550	5559	5568	5577
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6126	6135	6144	6153	6162	6171	6180	6189	6198	6207
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8016	8025	8034	8043	8052	8061	8070	8079	8088	8097
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8196	8205	8214	8223	8232	8241	8250	8259	8268	8277
8286	8295	8304	8313	8322	8331	8340	8349	8358	8367
8376	8385	8394	8403	8412	8421	8430	8439	8448	8457
8466	8475	8484	8493	8502	8511	8520	8529	8538	8547
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For Shanghai Tael 600 each—Shanghai Tael 648,000.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
(Signed) C. JOHNSON,  
Chief Accountant.

Counter-signed,  
A. B. JOHNSON,  
Notary Public,  
Hongkong, 28th day of March, 1894. [1009]

**CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT**  
LOAN OF 1881.

THE INTEREST due 24th day of May current, on the above Loan, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be PAID at the Office of this Corporation on and after that date.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
Agents in the Loan,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1894. [1001]

## NOTICE.

**A. S. WATSON AND CO.**  
FAMIN AND DISPENSARY  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the GOVERNOR and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
DRUGGISTS SURVEILLANTS,  
AND  
PREPARED WATER MAKERS.

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PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON AND CO., or  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [29]

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.  
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name. Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

**The Daily Press.**  
HONGKONG, MAY 28th, 1894.

This question of fiscal reform is one that should exercise the minds of Chinese statesmen, the problem of how to make the present two ends meet being often enough brought to their notice. There is much wealth in China, and there would be a vast deal more industrial and commercial activity were it not for the official discouragement of private enterprise. The revenues of the different provinces should be ample, but they seldom prove equal to the demands made upon them, chiefly owing to the excessive cost of the military. The army of officials devour the revenue, and if a contribution towards Imperial purposes has to be made, some new, and therefore unpopular, tax invariably has to be devised. It is true that the Imperial Maritime Customs now collect a large portion of what were formerly provincial revenues, but that fact cannot satisfactorily account for the abject poverty which is constantly plucked by the different provincial administrators in Memorials to the Throne. One instance of this kind occurred the other day. The Governor of Chekiang has been praying for an extension of the time in which he is to provide funds for the manufacture of certain articles of silk for the use of His Majesty. This memorialist has been informed by the officer whose duty it is to superintend the manufacture that 3,959 articles, consisting of coats, gowns, and pieces of silk and satin, are positively required, and that His Majesty's orders, they are to be ready for delivery in June. He was also to direct the Commissioner of Finance to provide the necessary money, no matter from what source. The Commissioner, however, represents that there are really no funds from which to furnish the Tsia. 200,000 required. The Provincial Treasury is in great difficulties. Not only are there old arrears of pay due to all the troops, but new arrears are arising up in addition. As His Majesty has already diminished the number of articles and pieces from more than 20,000 to 3,959, and their cost only by sixty per cent., and now again by twenty per cent., it is impossible to ask for any further reduction. The memorialist therefore proposes that the sum required should be taken from the land tax, salt tax, and *leika*. But there is an actual deficit in the Treasury at the present moment, he prays that he may be allowed to delay paying the money for a short time. As soon as the balance under any of these heads, or, in all, he promises, immediately be handed over, until the total sum has been paid. The picture of impotency drawn by this memorialist is remarkable. Chekiang is a fairly flourishing province, and one of the most densely peopled in China, having an estimated population of over twenty-six millions, and there ought, one would think, to be no great difficulty in its raising such a sum as Tsia. 200,000. The fact remains, however, that it cannot be procured except in instalments, and the Imperial Government so far accepts the statement of the Governor as to approve his proposal to pay as soon as funds are available.

The great success which has attended the working of the Imperial Maritime Customs may possibly yet induce the Chinese Government to extend the Foreign Collectorate to the interior customs, and this may prove the wedge that is to open up for China reform in her fiscal administration and economy. The difficulties in the way of such reform are, we know, enormous, the vested interests of officials being so great and widespread; but necessity is a stern tutor, and the Peking Government, in pursuit of their centralising policy, may yet adopt some such measure to augment their revenue. We note that a Chinese correspondent of the N. C. Daily News, writing over the pseudonym of "Nemo," suggests some such course when writing on the new Franco-Chinese Convention just signed at Tientsin. His remarks were induced by the consideration that the trade to be conducted across the Tientsin frontier with the adjoining provinces of Yunnan, Kwangsi, and Kwangtung will require an administrative similar to the Foreign Maritime Customs. It will also, he says, "bring about some modifications of the Chinese Internal Provincial Revenue Collectorate which will probably result in further changes to secure to the Imperial exchequer the reception of the duties that the probable increase of trade by land will yield to the public revenue." The privilege of trading by land with China has, as our readers are aware, already been granted to Russia, and "Nemo" asserts that it was once intended to establish a branch of the Foreign Customs on the Chinese frontiers of Russia to collect the duties on goods passing to and fro; so that it is a similar plan for collecting duties by a Foreign Collectorate on the southern frontier were proposed that it would have a precedent, at least in contemplation, of such being introduced. "Horever," he says, "this suggestion," "If, however, this plan is realised, and as its advantages are even necessary for securing the

frontier Customs revenue to the Imperial Government, it may be looked on as a not far distant contingency. Sir Robert Harcourt's Customs Administration would be the nucleus for supplying the persons to superintend this new frontier land Customs, and eventually it might be extended to the formation of a general Internal Revenue Collectorate under foreign supervision. That such an establishment would be of immense service to the Imperial Government cannot be doubted for a moment, and it cannot be too strongly impressed on His Excellency Li Hung-chang, as one of the chief administrators that the Chinese Government could undertake. Few persons can doubt that the plan proposed would greatly benefit the Imperial Government and also the people generally, provided a proper proportion of the revenue thus raised were devoted to the provincial administration. There is, however, a not entirely unfounded doubt as to the disinclination of the Central Government, should necessitate a largely increased amount in the provinces. Little good would be gained if instead of the provincial mandarins squeezing the people dry and remitting next to nothing to Peking a Foreign Collectorate took charge of the tax for the exclusive benefit of the Imperial Government. The difficulty might be met, however, by the Imperial Government, through its Foreign Customs staff, collecting certain duties for Imperial purposes, leaving all other taxes to be raised by the provincial officials solely for local uses.

The German steamer *Cassandra* goes over to the Comopolitan dock today.

The Shanghai Waterworks Company are going to extend their operations into the native city, and plans are being got out for that purpose.

The steamer *Glenloch*, with the first new line, left the Red Bay at Wharfedale for Singapore and London, at half-past four o'clock p.m. on the 21st inst.

We are informed that the Indo-China S. N. Co. chartered steamer *London*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 27th inst.

The Agents Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. have just received the steamer *Clarendon*, from London, left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 27th inst.







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